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TRANSLATION

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference KW318PC	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Form PCT/IPEA/416
International application No. PCT/JP2005/018492	International filing date (day/month/year) 29.09.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 30.09.2004
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04L9/18		
Applicant KABUSHIKI KAISHA KENWOOD		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a. ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 5 sheets, as follows:

☒ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

☐ sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

b. ☐ (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (Indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in electronic form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).

4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

☒ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand	Date of completion of this report
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/JP	Authorized officer
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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-21 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 2, 4 as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 received by this Authority on 28.04.2006
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets fig. 1-8 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(e)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of these sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. IV

Lack of unity of invention

1. ☐ In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has, within the applicable time limit:
- ☐ restricted the claims
 - ☐ paid additional fees
 - ☐ paid additional fees under protest and, where applicable, the protest fee
 - ☐ paid additional fees under protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid
 - ☐ neither restricted the claims nor paid additional fees
2. ☒ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is:
- ☐ complied with
 - ☒ not complied with for the following reasons:

The feature that is common to the inventions set forth in claims 1 to 8 pertains to generating a binary positive/negative scrambling pattern and then multiplying multivalued data by said pattern (hereinafter referred to as "technique X").

However, the search results revealed that technique X is not novel in that said technique is disclosed in the document JP 2004-200972 A ((Yugen Kaisha Kepusutoramu), 15 July 2004, claim 1).

Such being the case, technique X does not define a contribution over the prior art, and thus this common feature (technique X) is not a special technical feature.

[Refer to the Supplemental Box]

4. Consequently, this report has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:

- ☒ all parts
- ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos. _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 3, 4, 6, 8	YES
	Claims 1, 2, 5, 7	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 3, 4, 6, 8	YES
	Claims 1, 2, 5, 7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-8	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2004-200972 A (Yugen Kaisha Kepusutoramu),
15 July 2004, claim 1

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7

Document 1 describes generating a binary positive/negative scrambling pattern and then multiplying multivalued data by said pattern; therefore, the invention disclosed in document 1 is substantially the same as the inventions set forth in claims 1, 2, 5 and 7.

Claims 3, 4, 6 and 8

The configuration for generating a base band signal, wherein the sets of data are divided according to the priority levels thereof and then redundant bits are added to the sets of high priority data, is not disclosed in any of the documents that are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: Box IV.3

As a result, there is no special technical feature that is common to all of the inventions set forth in claims 1 to 8; therefore, said inventions can be classified into two groups of inventions: the group of inventions set forth in claims 1, 2, 5 and 7, and the group of inventions set forth in claims 3, 4, 6 and 8.

Consequently, the inventions set forth in claims 1 to 8 do not conform to the requirement of unity of invention.